

WELCOME! *Glade Spring Presbyterian Church endeavors to provide a sanctuary of joy, charity and fellowship in which all feel invited to participate and worship. Whether a member, friend or visitor of Old Glade, each individual is valued and respected as a child of God and as an essential part of the body of Christ. As a whole we, the congregation, seek to grow spiritually, to nurture each other, to respond to the needs of the less fortunate and to serve and praise God. You are welcome here today and year round.*

PRAYER CONCERNS *Anne Schults (friend of Sonny Porterfield), Damon Lester, Mike Riley. Please pick up from the table in the narthex a prayer list. Each week the list will be updated in the bulletin.*

YOUTH *will meet today from 6:00-7:30 in fellowship hall.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *will be celebrated during worship this morning. It is the custom here at Old Glade to hold the elements until all are served and then partake together.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING *will be held prior to worship this morning to hear the report of the Officer Nominating Committee for Officers, Class of 2016. . Those to be presented are as follows: Board of Deacons – James F. Hutton, Susan Johnston, Lauren Robinson. Elders – Isaac Freeman, Jay Henderson, Pam Hill. Trustee – Sara Hutton Tallman*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU *to the Stan Williams family for serving as our Advent Candlelighters this morning.*

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS *are available on the table in the narthex. Thank you to Nancy Inazu for preparing these devotionals to be used as we enter this Advent season.*

CIRCLE Number 2 *will meet on Friday December 6th at 11:30 for a Christmas brunch at the home of Kathryn Beattie..*

BEST YEARS *will have their Christmas Party on Friday, December 6th, at 5:00 p.m. in fellowship hall. Men, please bring a wrapped man's gift, and women, a wrapped woman's gift. Everything will be furnished. Please let Delores know if you plan to attend (429-2117).*

MEN OF CHURCH PRAYER BREAKFAST *will be held next Sunday, December 8th, at 8:00 a.m.*

DEACONS *will meet next Sunday, December 8th, at 5:00 p.m.*

SESSION *will meet next Sunday, December 8th, at 6:00 p.m.*

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IN ANTICIPATION OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, *Clark and Jeane Hutton extend a cordial invitation to their church family to celebrate with them at a drop-in open house on December 8th, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Their address is 32364 Ramblewood Dr., Glade Spring, VA CIRCLE Number 3 will meet on Tuesday, December 10th, at 2:00 in the fellowship hall.*

STONE SOUP AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING – *The congregation is invited to join the youth for Stone Soup and Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 15th. Bring a canned item for the soup and gather at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will split up for caroling, visiting the shut-ins and others who will welcome us. Then we will share stone soup upon our return. Let the church office know if you would like a visit from our carolers.*

CIRCLE Number 4 *will meet on Monday, December 16th, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jeane Hutton. Please bring a finger food to share.*

POINSETTA ORDER FORM *is included in the bulletin.*

THE CANTATA *will be presented on Sunday, December 22nd during our worship service.*

MARY'S LUNCHBOX *will once again be providing boxes of food for children in our community this Christmas. If you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry, please consider sponsoring a box for \$10. If you are interested in volunteering, the boxes will be assembled on Saturday, November 30 at 10:00 at Meadowview UMC. Please feel free to contact Becky McKinney with questions or for more information at 698-8750 or markbecky@centurylink.net. Mary's Lunch Box still serves 100 students from Meadowview Elementary each week. Donations and volunteers are appreciated. If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Becky.*

THE MITTEN TREE *is ready for your donations of hats, scarves, gloves, socks, etc. to be distributed to school children in need of these items.*

REMEMBER YOUR SOUP DONATIONS. *Our current total is 1075 cans. Our goal for the year 2013 is 2,013 cans.*

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PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(read responsively)*

Leader: This is the season of real memories.

People: Let us remember the life of the One whose birth we hail.

Leader: This is the season of new beginnings.

People: Let us begin our watch for the One whose grace we extol.

Leader: This is the season of great expectations.

People: Let us expect the summons of the One whose love we proclaim.

Leader: This is the season of glad celebrations.

All: "O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!"

INVOCATION

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE

+*HYMN 82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
(Amen)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(in unison)* God of the future: You are coming in power to bring nations under Your rule. We confess that we have not expected Your kingdom. We have lived casual lives, and ignored Your promised judgment. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve You. Forgive us, for the sake of Your faithful servant Jesus, our Savior, whose triumph we want and eagerly await. Hear our silent prayers.....

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*APOSTLES CREED *(Page 35 in front of hymnal)*

*GLORIA PATRI *(Page 581 in hymnal)*

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND PRAISE
MORNING PRAYER AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

*HYMN 105 *People, Look East*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *In the Bleak Midwinter*
Michael Colston and Tyree Wilmoth

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 25:8-9;*
Luke 1:13,18-19,26-31,34-37

SERMON "The Messenger of the Lord" *Rev. Bird*

*HYMN 88 *(vs. 1-2)* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN 88 *(vs. 3-4)* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Indicates that those who are able may stand

+People may be seated

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

He will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. (Isaiah 25:8-9)

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born¹ will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:13,18-19,26-31,34-37)